

and staff members to advocate for and discuss environmental concerns and issues. Through his work, Phil has attended regional and national meetings, lobbied in Washington D.C., and raised awareness of the threat of climate change by making presentations to civic groups and providing information at public events. Phil and members of his CCL chapter have also been active in writing letters to the editor which have appeared in various Colorado news outlets and worked to obtain signatures for petitions, written public comment, and garnered support for various issues across the state. Throughout his time at CCL, Phil's hard work and dedication has proven to be a tremendous asset to the environmental community in Colorado.

I extend my deepest appreciation for Phil Nelson and his service and dedication to our community and the State of Colorado.

HONORING PASTOR REGINALD BUCKLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Pastor Reginald M. Buckley.

Pastor Buckley was born in Jackson, MS, to the Rev. and Mrs. Horace L. Buckley. He is a product of Jackson Public Schools and completed his undergraduate education at Tougaloo College. A recipient of the Andrew W. Mellon fellowship, Pastor Buckley entered graduate school at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana in 1994 and completed the Master of Arts Degree in English Literature in 1996.

In 1998, he was called to serve as the senior pastor of Second Baptist Church of Danville, Illinois, and ministered there for nine years. During his tenure there, he served as Secretary and 2nd Vice Moderator of the Wood River Baptist District Association, the oldest continuous Baptist district association in the nation. Pastor Buckley accepted the call to return to Jackson, MS, and serve as the executive pastor of Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in 2007. After serving for seven years, he assumed the role of Senior Pastor in January 2015. He has served as the Dean and the Executive Director of the Congress of Christian Education for the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

A W.K. Kellogg Fellow and a member of the inaugural class of the Mississippi Black Leadership Institute, Pastor Buckley is committed to the causes of community development, social justice, and equity. As executive director of the Cade Development Corporation, he helped to lead in the development of an 81-unit senior citizen apartment complex, which opened in 2012 in the Virden Addition community. Pastor Buckley has served on the board

of directors for the Hinds County Economic Development Authority, the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and Bible College, and currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the Program for Research on Faith, Justice and Health at the University of Houston and the Board of Directors for the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Pastor Buckley has also been inducted into the Tougaloo College Hall of Fame, is a recipient of the Tougaloo Meritorious Leadership award, and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Pastor Buckley is married to Lecretia A. Buckley, Ph.D. and they are the parents of two children, Jonathan and Anna.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Reginald M. Buckley for his dedication and passion for his community and the State of Mississippi.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF AMY WORTH

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Amy Worth.

Throughout her career, Amy has worked tirelessly to build a community in which all Contra Costans can thrive. Amy was elected to the Orinda City Council in 1998 and has served the City of Orinda for the last 24 years, serving as mayor for 5 of those years. Amy has been involved with many regional groups, as Chair of the Contra Costa Mayors Conference, President of the League of California Cities, East Bay Division, and board member of the California Council of Governments (CalCOG). Amy has also played an important role in maintaining operations of Contra Costa libraries, serving as Chair of the Contra Costa Library Commission and President of the Friends of the Orinda Library. Contra Costa and Bay Area residents have benefited greatly thanks to Amy's commitment to public service.

Amy has also been a key part in strengthening our regional transportation system and improving Contra Costa's infrastructure. Amy served as a member and past Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), representing all 19 cities of Contra Costa. She also served as a board member and past Chair of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA). Her leadership was critical in the implementation of Measure J, which helped to add a fourth bore to the Caldecott Tunnel and improved traffic congestion through Contra Costa. Measure J was the result of collaborative efforts between environmental groups, transportation experts, and community members and Amy was recognized by the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar as 2005's Woman of the Year for her leadership on the project. Amy's work has helped to deliver needed improvements on our roads and highways and she has worked tirelessly to meet the transit needs of our county.

It has been my honor to have worked alongside Amy through her many contributions to this community and I am proud to call her a friend. As she enters retirement, please join me in honoring Amy for her 24 years of dedicated service to our community.

HONORING MINORITY BUSINESS TOPPS PRIVATE INVESTIGATION & SECURITY FIRM, LLC

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a resilient minority business that is doing great things in their community, Topps Private Investigation & Security Firm, LLC.

Mrs. Ophelia Topps is the Owner and Chief Executive Officer of Topps Private Investigation & Security Firm, LLC. She is a native of Grenada, MS. She is married to Anthony Topps, Sr., and has four children—three boys and one girl, and she also has six beautiful grandchildren.

Mrs. Topps received her bachelor's in criminal justice from the University of Mississippi in 2014. She began her law enforcement career as a Telecommunicator with the Grenada Police Department. After 14 years of service, Mrs. Topps transitioned to a police officer. In 2016, she then retired from the Grenada Police Department as a Detective Lieutenant.

After Mrs. Topps retired, she opened her own business, which is Topps Private Investigation & Security Firm, LLC. Topps Private Investigation is a Minority/Women owned and operated business with over 30 years of law enforcement experience, combined with over ten years of private investigation and security experience.

Mrs. Topps specialize in a diverse range of services pertaining to security and investigations. During her tenure with the Grenada Police Department, she completed multiple training programs that equipped her with the skills needed to protect and serve her community. She has led her team of security guards in different security capacities including at universities, public schools, semi-pro football league, conferences, concerts, corporate buildings, and most recently, Mississippi Department of Health State School and Nashville Metropolitan Development Housing Agency apartment complex towers.

Mrs. Topps is a recipient of the 2013 Bobby L. "Bubba" Wells Motivational Award—Law Fit Challenge. Mrs. Topps' passion is to serve and protect others. Yearly, she adopts a class with the ICS Head Start Center for Christmas. She continues to provide professional service that promotes public safety.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Topps and Topps Private Investigation & Security Firm, LLC for her resilience and hard work her and her firm do for their community.